चौरान, लोक कला अकादमी (स्वैच्छिक सांस्कृतिक संगठन), सागर, मध्य प्रदेश का सिर्फ एक मामला संस्कृति विभाग, मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा 12-8-92 को भेजा गया था। राज्य सरकार द्वारा अनुदान की किसी विनिर्दिष्ट राशि की सिफारिश नहीं की गई थी ।

(ख) जी, हां । लोक कला अकादमी (स्वैच्छिक सांस्कृतिक संगठन) को 20,000/- रु० का अनुदान संस्वीकृत किया गया था ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Demand of Fertilizers

*98. SHRI KAMAL, MORARAKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the trends in the demand of fertiliser during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether Government have noticed a fall in the demand of fertilizers recently:

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the measures taken by Government to increase de mand of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):

(a) and (b) The consumption of fertiliser nutrients during 1992-93 is anticipated at 126.57 lakh tonnes as against 127.28 lakh tonnes during 1991-92 with the following break up of nutrients:—

Consumption in lakh tonnes

Nutrient	1991-92	1992-93 (Anticipated)
N	80.46	84.00
P	33.21	31.91
K	13.61	10.66
TOTAL	127.28	126.57

A fall in the consumption of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers is anticipated during 1992-93.

(c) The. likely fall in consumption of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers during 1992-93 is mainly due to the increase in their prices consequent on their decontrol with effect from 25-8-92.

(d) In order to maintain the cons umption level of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers, the Government of India approved ; —

(i) a provision of Rs. 340 crores for release to States/UTs for concessional sale of decontrolled DAP, MOP and Complexes to farmers during Rabi, 1992-93;

(ii) a sum of Rs. 500 crores was approved to benefit small and marginal farmers by creating basic infrastructural facilities 'or them.

In addition, the Government of India has taken the following steps to increase the consumption of all fertilisers in the country :-

(a) Reduced the price of Urea by 10 per cent with effect from 25-8-92;

(b) exempted the fertiliser deal ers holding up to 10 tonnes of fertiliser material from the require ment of registration under the fertiliser control Act;

(c) Sales of fertilisers to farmers in small bags;

(d) free soil testing service to farmers;

(e) release of short-term loans to State Governments for advance purchase of fertilisers;

(f) a scheme on balanced use of fertilisers is being implemented which is expected to help in generating demand and promoting balance use of fertilisers;

(g) a scheme on bio-fertiliser production and promotion is being implemented This is expected to help in supply and use of organic forms of plant nutrients; and

(h) in order to bring down the price of decontrolled fertilizers and increase their consumption, the Central Government took several steps like decanalisation of dj-am-onium phosphate, reduction in railway freight by approximately 38 percent, abolition of customs duty on certain raw materials, etc.

Production of Coconut

*99. SHRI T. A MOHAMMED SAQHY:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) when Government declared co conut as Oil seed;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to boost the production of coconut;

(c) if so- the details thereof;

(d) what steps are being taken to control the coconut disease throughout the country; and

(e) what steps have been taken to increase irrigation facilities in areas of coconut cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) In October, 1990

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following projects are taken up for increasing production of coconut in the country through Coconut Development Board :—

1. Production and distribution of quality planting material.

2. Expansion of area under coco nut.

3. Integrated farming in coconut small holdings in Kerala for produc tivity improvement.

4. Integrated control of leaf-eating cater-pjllar.

5. Assistance for providing irrigation facilities to coconut growers.

(d) Assistance is provided for the followings—

1. Cut and removal of diseased coconut palms and replanting.

2. Plant protection chemicals.

(e) Assistance is being provided by the Board for creation of irriga tion facilities such as irrigation sour ces, installation of pump-sets and lay ing out drip irrigation unit in coco nut holdings.

Recognition of Andhra Pradesh University of Health Sciences

*100. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to recognise Andhra Pradesh University of Health Sciences under section 12(b) of the U.G.C. Act for providing assistance;